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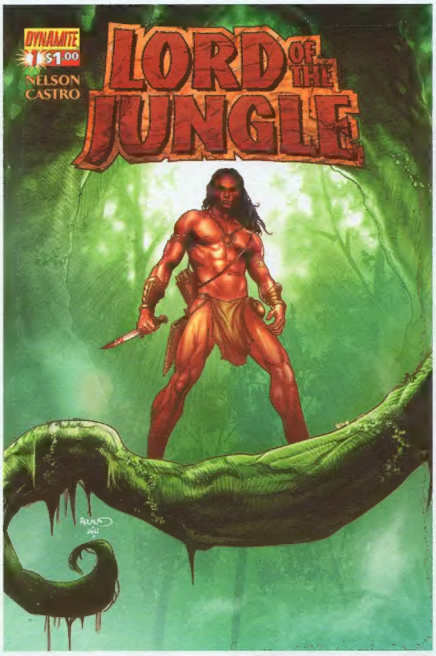
LORD OF THE JUNGLE

Tarzan: Lord of the Comic Shop



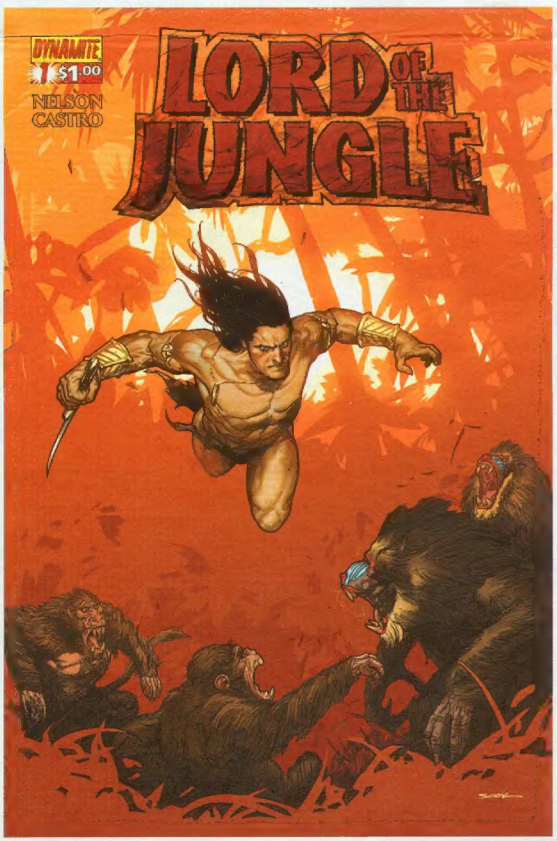
For a hundred years now, *Edgar Rice Burroughs'* Tarzan has been one of the best known, most beloved figures in popular fiction. And for much of that time, he has appeared in comic books chronicling his jungle exploits.

In December, after an absence of several years, Tarzan is returning to comic shops in ***Lord of Jungle,*** an adaptation of Burroughs' novel that introduced the character to the world—and for the first time, the adaptation will be uncensored (and even expanded upon), complete with the savagery that has been bowdlerized from other adaptations.

Lord of the Jungle isn't Dynamite's first foray into the world of *Edgar Rice Burroughs;* the publisher launched its ***Warlords of Mars*** series back in 2010. Why the lengthy delay between that launch and the premiere of ***Lord of the Jungle?*** "We wanted to launch the series to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the character's appearance," Dynamite publisher *Nick Barrucci* said. "*Edgar Rice Burroughs'* story ***Tarzan of the Apes*** first appeared in ***All Story Magazine*** in 1912. What better way to celebrate the genius of the writer and his creation than to revisit the savage tale of a hero's birth now?"

Tarzan is one of the most beloved of all fictional characters; did Dynamite have a number of creators eager to work on this launch? "On this project ,we approached only one writer: *Arvid Nelson*. His writing on ***Warlord*** and ***Dejah Thoris*** showed a deep understanding of Burroughs' work," Barrucci said. "Fans who have appreciated Arvid's meticulous storytelling are going to love his take on this story. And the artist, *Roberto Castro,* was a natural choice for us, since we love the wor he's done on ***Warlord of Mars: Fall of Barsoom.***"

"Tarzan's DNA is in everything from super heroes to space epics," Nelson said. "But I was surprised at how little I knew about him, because the many adaptations wander very far from the original character. His true story is so much deeper and more interesting—that's we're trying to bring to life in ***Lord of the Jungle.***"



When Nelson first took on ***Warlord of Mars,*** he revealed to ***CSN*** that he was a newcomer to the fiction of *Edgar Rice Burroughs;* likewise, he has just recently experienced ERB's jungle adventures. As he explained, "in a weird way, I've found it to be an advantage. I can approach the material fresh, without any preconceptions. At least, that's what I tell people!..."

Nelson explained how he made the move from Mars writer to Jungle literary lord. "The ***Mars*** titles are doing pretty well at the 'comic shop box office,' which is a first for me," Nelson said. "And also a sign of the coming apocalypse, I'm sure. I guess Nicky and Joe felt like I proved myself, so they offered me this. How could I say no?"

What does Nelson hope to accomplish with his adaptation that hasn't already been done in other ***Tarzan of the Apes*** retellings? "I was surprised at how far all of the adaptations thus far stray from the original," Nelson said. "The only similarity is the idea of a person raised by apes in the jungle. Burroughs's original concept is actually a lot more interesting than anything that's been done since. "

Is Tarzan indeed the quintessential epitome of Rousseau's "noble savage" concept, as Nelson sees it? "Actually, I think he's the *opposite* of a noble savage. I know that sounds crazy, but hear me out. Yes, he has super-heroic abilities because he was raised in the jungle. But he wants to be part of the human world more than anything else. There's always conflict between his animal instincts and his desire to be 'civilized.' For me, that's what makes him tick."

The book is being promoted as "uncensored," so what is Nelson specifically including that is often left out? "It's more a question of what we're *not* including!" Nelson counted. "The only thing about the original that rubbed me the wrong way was the stereotyping. Of course, the novel is a reflection of its time, but it doesn't make certain parts of the story any less cringe-inducing. Finding solutions to problems like this is one of my favorite things about adaptations."

What Tarzan stereotypes did he have to throw out the window? "Nearly all of them. A perfect example—he never says 'Me Tarzan, you Jane' in the books. And the first language he learns is French! He's not a moron in leopard print underwear. The jungle represents everything that makes him exceptional—but also everything he's trying to overcome."

Dynamite has also alluded to expanding on some segments of the story; what is Nelson adding to ERB's tale? "That would be telling! Anything I said would just spoil some surprises we have in store. You'll just have to read the comics!"

How does Nelson convey the barbaric intelligence that ERB instilled in the apes--their own language, their own society, etc? That's always been difficult to communicate effectively in other media. "It's been one of the hardest things to deal with, and it's where watching all of the adaptations comes in very handy. I thought the Disney ***Tarzan*** solved this problem very well."

One thing that Dynamite will *not* do is update the story for contemporary readers. "No modernization!" Barrucci asserted. "No need to fix something that isn't broken. I believe that part of the strength of the story comes from the period it is set in."

"I toyed with the idea of a modern setting for all of three milliseconds." Nelson added. "I think the story *has* to take place in 1909, for exactly the reason you mentioned. The world was a lot bigger then. People still believed in beauty and mystery and adventure. That's what we want to give to readers."

Why has Tarzan survived for a century when so many turn-of-the-century popular culture figures have been long since forgotten? " In addition to being a great storyteller, *Edgar Rice Burroughs* was a great businessman," Nelson said. "He was one of the first people to incorporate, and he discovered the magic of licensing. At one point there was even Tarzan bread and ice cream! That sort of thing is even more alive today than it was in 1912, for better or for worse! And Burroughs came up with great names for his characters—I don't think he gets enough credit for that. But that's just one star in a very large constellation!"

Nelson is joined by artist *Robert Castro,* as well as cover artists *Alex ross, Lucio Parillo, Ryan Sook,* and *Paul Renaud.* "To allow the series to be accessible to fans old and new, we are offering the first issue at the introductory price of $1.00 for the *full 32 page comic,*" Barrucci said. "So get on board for the biggest comic book launch this December!"

Lord of the Jungle #1, a $1 comic, is scheduled for mid-December release.

by Cliff Biggers

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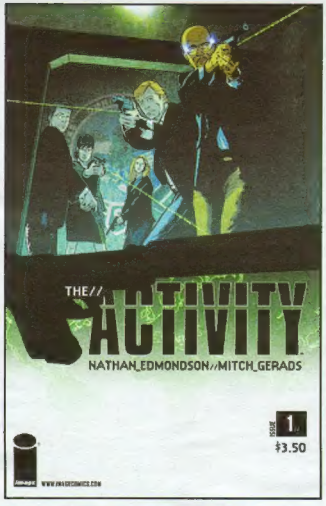

Reports of Activity at Image Comics

No one has ever accused *Nathan Edmondson* (writer of ***Who Is Jake Ellis?***, ***Olympus***, and ***Grifter***) of being inactive—but this winter, the popular writer is taking his ***Activity*** level up another notch.

Edmondson is teaming with artist *Mitch Gerads* to launch a new ongoing action series, ***The Activity***. To ensure that the comic ships on schedule, "We've been working on this since February, and we're thrilled to share it with you," said Edmondson. "Starting this December, the secrets of ***The Activity*** will be revealed."

"We've been keeping this project quiet for a while now," added Gerads. "I just can't wait to blow the lid off of this whole thing!"

In ***The Activity***, the evolution of global warfare necessitates the evolution of special forces to rise and meet the call. The U.S Army has therefore looked to its last secret special operations tribe: The Intelligence Support Activity, or Gray Fox. Within Gray Fox is a team of elite men and women whose mission is flexible, whose technology is bleeding edge, and whose execution is precise and lethal. They are Team Omaha, and they serve ***The Activity***.

"It's been a real pleasure to watch Nathan develop, not just as a writer, but as a virtual fountain of ideas," Image Comics Publisher *Eric Stephenson* said. "He originally came to us with ***Olympus***, but by the time that was wrapping, he'd pitched us ***Who Is Jake Ellis?*** and then followed that up with ***The Activity*** and another, still-secret project we'll be rolling out in 2012. He and Mitch make a great team, too, and I can't wait to see where they take this concept."

The Activity #1 is slated for December 21st release.

Pessimistic Outlook for Optimus

He may be the leader of the Autobots, but that doesn't mean he's not expendable: this winter, Optimus becomes a casualty of war in ***Transformers: The Death of Optimus Prime***, kicking off a whole new direction for the ***Transformers*** comic book universe. This is an outgrowth of IDW's ***Chaos*** event, which culminates in an end to the war between Autobots and Decepticons.

"Now the hard part begins, as the survivors must confront their future head-on," IDW said in announcing the book. "The Transformers' homeworld is reborn—but it's not the safe home the Autobots had hoped for. Amidst a hostile planet--and an angry population—Optimus Prime must try to unite the divided loyalties of his fellow Transformers. In the process, he is forced to question whether he is the ruler a united Cybertron needs. IDW's December comic, ***Transformers: The Death of Optimus Prime***, answers that question, once and for all.

The Death of Optimus Prime, written by *John Barber & James Roberts* and illustrated by *Nick Roche*, is scheduled for mid-December release; this special issue sets the stage for *two* new ongoing ***Transformers*** series starting in January.

Back to Press

The DC sellout streak continues: every third-week New 52 title is going back to press for a second printing, while ***Justice League #1*** returns to press for an unprecedented fourth printing (not counting the multiple printings of the combo edition!). Look for all these in stores on 10/19.

•***Justice League #1 4th Printing*** (AUG118074), featuring a recolored version of the New York Comic-Con promotional artwork by *Ivan Reis & Joe Prado*, in stores 10/19.

•***Batman #1 2nd Printing*** (AUG118063), featuring a recolored version of the original cover.

•***Birds of Prey #1 2nd Printing*** (AUG118064), featuring a recolored version of the original cover.

•***Blue Beetle #1 2nd Printing*** (AUG118065), featuring a recolored version of the original cover.

•***Captain Atom #1 2nd Printing*** (AUG118066), featuring a recolored version of the original cover.

•***Catwoman #1 2nd Printing*** (AUG118067), featuring a recolored version of the original cover.

•***DC Universe Presents #1 2nd Printing*** (AUG118068), featuring a recolored version of the original cover.

•***Green Lantern Corps #1 2nd Printing*** (AUG118069), featuring a recolored version of the original cover.

•***Legion of Super-Heroes #1 2nd Printing*** (AUG118070), featuring a recolored version of the original cover.

•***Nightwing #1 2nd Printing*** (AUG118078), featuring a recolored version of the original cover.

•***Red Hood and the Outlaws #1 2nd Printing*** (AUG118071), featuring a recolored version of the original cover.

•***Supergirl #1 2nd Printing*** (AUG118072), featuring a recolored version of the original cover.

•***Wonder Woman #1 2nd Printing*** (AUG118073), featuring a recolored version of the original cover.

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•Marvel has added a previously unannounced *Whilce Portacio* variant for ***Incredible Hulk #1;*** check with the folks at your friendly neighborhood comic shop for info on price and availability.

•Marvel is also offering a 1-for-15 *David Mack* variant for ***Scarlet #6;*** likewise, inquire at your local comic shop regarding price and availability.

•***Moon Knight by Bendis & Maleev*** HC has expanded to include ***Moon Knight #s 1-7***, which is one more issue than originally announced.

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Coming Comics—DC in December

Superman confronts the deadly Terminauts in ***Action Comics #4*** by *Grant Morrison, Rags Morales, Gene Ha, & Rick Bryant*. But what awful master do they serve? What horrible fate awaits Superman and the city of Metropolis? And in the back-up story by *Joshua Hale Fialkov & Matt Camp*, John Henry Irons takes his first steps toward becoming the hero known as Steel.

The trail of a missing child from a wealthy family leads Jonah Hex and Amadeus Arkham into the watery catacombs of Gotham City's still-under-construction sewer system in ***All-Star Western #4*** by *Justin Gray, Jimmy Palmiotti, & Moritat*.This issue also introduces the Barbary Ghost, a fireworks wielding mistress of vengeance.

After coming face to face with the mysterious Totems, Buddy learns the truth about Maxine's destiny in ***Animal Man #4*** by *Jeff Lemire & Travel Foreman*.

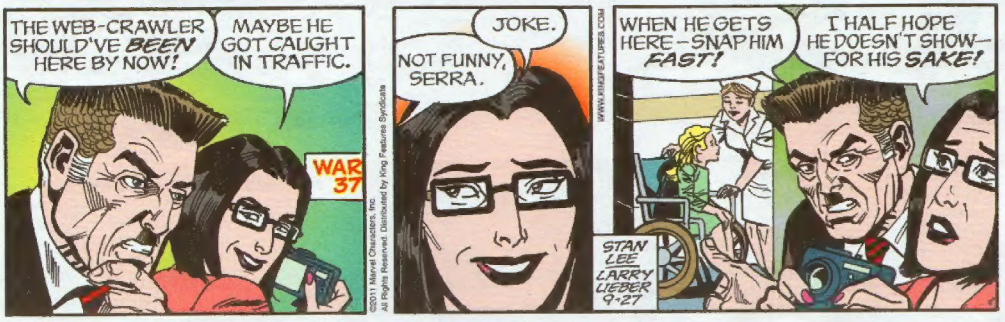
In *Geoff Johns, Ivan Reis, & Joe Prado's* ***Aquaman #4,*** Aquaman and Mera descend into uncharted territory: the smoky black crevice at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean, home of the cannibalistic creatures known only as the Trench.

Batgirl's secret past finally catches up to her in *Gail Simone, Ardian Syaf, & Vicente Cifuentes'* ***Batgirl #4*** as she races to a final confrontation with the deadly sociopath Mirror.

Shocking discoveries lead Batman deeper into the mystery of the Court of Owls and its secret and bloody ties to both Gotham City and the Wayne family in ***Batman #4*** by *Scott Snyder, Greg Capullo, & Jonathan Glapion*.

Batman and Robin are at the mercy of NoBody in ***Batman & Robin #4*** by *Peter Tomasi, Patrick Gleason, & Mick Gray*, as he forces them to embrace a new way to battle crime and injustice. But Batman has other ideas!

Batman must race against time to save a friend's life in ***Batman: The Dark Knight #4*** by *Paul Jenkins, David Finch, & Richard Friend*—but his mission may prove impossible thanks to the three hundred chemically enhanced super-criminals who stand against him.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ACTION COMICS #4
DC Comics
Is your mind prepared for an encounter with the deadly Terminauts? And what horrible fate awaits Superman and Metropolis? The true scope of Grant Morrison and Rags Morales' ***Action Comics*** run begins to come into view in this *action*-packed issue!

THE STRAIN #1
Dark Horse Comics
From director Guillermo del Toro and novelist Chuck Hogan (*The Town*) comes ***The Strain***, a chilling new miniseries featuring a new wrinkle in the vampire legend — adapted from their novel Eisner Award-winning writer, David Lapham!

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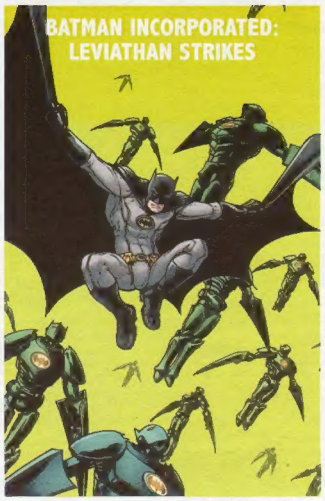

Grant Morrison, Chris Burnham, & Cameron Stewart resurrect Batman Incorporated in the 80-page ***Batman Incorporated: Leviathan Strikes*** oneshot. Batman realizes to his horror that he's been outwitted as the true identity of Leviathan continues to elude him. Is his deadly adversary an old foe with a grudge to settle, a new face of evil…or something completely different?

As Massacre's bloody reign of murder continues and more heroes fall, Batwing closes in on the mad villain in ***Batwing #4*** by *Judd Winick & ChrisCross.*

Batwoman's life begins to burn in ***Batwoman #4*** by *J.H. Williams III, W. Haden Blackman,* the fourth part of "Hydrology."

In ***Birds of Prey #4*** by *Duane Swierczynski & Jesus Saiz,* the Birds of Prey – Black Canary, Starling, Katana and Poison Ivy – try to track down three bombs hidden in the skulls of three different people, all on the same speeding train. Also, Barbara Gordon makes an appearance as Batgirl in this issue.

The Blackhawks have a brutal, apocalyptic showdown in the Eyrie against their newest, most dangerous foe in ***Blackhawks #4*** by *Mike Costa, Graham Nolan, & Trevor Scott.*

La Dama and the unstoppable, mechanical monster known as Silverback both want the scarab for their own nefarious purposes, and Jaime's family and friends want to know why he disappeared. Can he keep his secret safe? *Tony Bedard, Ig Guara, & J.P. Mayer* answer that question in ***Blue Beetle #4.***

Before he received his godlike powers, Captain Atom was a military man – an Air Force pilot. Now, he's being recruited again to serve his country as a weapon of mass destruction in ***Captain Atom #4*** by *J.T. Krul & Freddie Williams II.*

Catwoman pays a call on Wayne Manor in ***Catwoman #4*** by *Judd Winick & Guillem March.* Then Selina Kyle says goodbye to an old friend, then says hello to an older one.

In *Paul Jenkins & Bernard Chang's* ***DC Universe Presents #4,*** Deadman plays "20 Questions" with the enigmatic Son of the Morning on a roller coaster ride like no other!

As the world's fiercest mercenary is shipped off to a metahuman prison in *Kyle Higgins, Joe Bennett, & Art Thibert's* ***Deathstroke #4,*** Slade uncovers a new wrinkle in his quest to root out the forces working to manipulate him – and the Blackhawks may be a part of it!

A powerful vision will reveal to the Shining Knight the true stakes of the battle for Little Spring and pull back the curtain on one of the biggest secrets in the DC Universe in ***Demon Knights #4*** by *Paul Cornell, Mike Choi, & Diogenes Neves.*

As Batman uncovers a deranged plot with far-reaching tentacles that touch some of the city's most elite citizens, he finds himself facing off against Dollmaker and his twisted family of killers in ***Detective Comics #4*** by *Tony S. Daniel & Sandu Florea.*

As Central City remains dark from the recent EMP blast, The Fastest Man Alive remains in hot pursuit of the one who set it off: Mob Rule! What does Mob Rule really want? Find out in ***The Flash #4*** by *Francis Manapul with Brian Buccellato.*

Frankenstein and Nina take on the massive Sea Monster, while Lady Frankenstein and the rest of the Creature Commandos go head to head with the colossal Ogre Titan in ***Frankenstein, Agent of SHADE #4*** by *Jeff Lemire & Alberto Ponticelli.*

Sinister forces in the Middle East wish to get their hands on their very own Nuclear Men! But what is the mysterious connection to Ronnie and Jason? Find out in ***The Fury of Firestorm: The Nuclear Men #4*** by *Gail Simone, Ethan Van Sciver, & Yildiray Cinar.*

At an international tech expo that caters to the likes of WayneTech and Queen Industries, party crasher Green Arrow finds himself in the sights of a mystery woman bent on taking down "evil" corporations—like the one Green Arrow owns! Witness the confrontation in ***Green Arrow #4*** by *Keith Giffen, Dan Jurgens, & George Pérez.*

The fear-mongering Sinestro Corps face newly reinstated Green Lantern Sinestro in ***Green Lantern #4*** by *Geoff Johns, Doug Mahnke, & Christian Alamy.* Can the renegade GL liberate Korugar from the army he assembled?

John Stewart has gone from being a Green Lantern soldier to prisoner of war in ***Green Lantern Corps #4*** by *Peter Tomasi, Fernando Pasarin, & Scott Hanna.* And in the process, he learns who the Corps' mysterious enemy truly is and what they really want.

The Green Lanterns' homeworld is under attack in ***Green Lantern: New Guardians #4*** by *Tony Bedard, Tyler Kirkham, & Batt.* The secret behind the stolen rings is about to be revealed, and the status of Kyle Rayner within the Green Lantern Corps will be changed – forever!

Grifter's struggle brings him face to face with Green Arrow in ***Grifter #4*** by *Nathan Edmondson, Scott Clark, & Dave Beaty.*

Hawk and Dove have taken a prisoner in ***Hawk & Dove #4*** by *Sterling Gates & Rob Liefeld.* But even as they begin to question him, sinister forces align with a new target in mind: Dove's boyfriend, Deadman!

John Constantine makes an appearance in ***I, Vampire #4*** by *Joshua Hale Fialkov & Andrea Sorrentino.* Problem is, he wants to wipe all the vampires... including Andrew!

The superstar team of Geoff Johns and Jim Lee continue the origin of the Justice League as The World's Greatest Heroes face the might of Apokolips in ***Justice League #4***—and they are assisted in their struggle by an unlikely hero, as Cyborg is created!

Madame Xanadu's plan is working! Zatanna, John Constantine, Shade the Changing Man, Mindwarp and Deadman are all being brought together in ***Justice League Dark #4*** by *Peter Milligan & Mikel Janin.* But will Xanadu's manipulations blow up in her face when she learns that Enchantress has grown too powerful to be controlled?

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On their first mission, the team has been separated and defeated – or so it seems! But as *Dan Jurgens, Aaron Lopresti, & Matt Ryan* reveal in ***Justice League International #4,*** you can't count these heroes out quite yet!

How far is Timber Wolf willing to go to rescue a teammate? Find out as the Lost search for the bio-terrorist who unleashed a deadly future virus in ***Legion Lost #4*** by *Fabian Nicieza & Pete Woods.*

With time running out for the Legionnaire in the hands of the Dominators in *Paul Levitz & Francis Portela's* ***Legion of Super-Heroes #4,*** it's down to Cosmic Boy to crack the riddle of how the all-powerful Daxamite Renegade made it through an impenetrable blockade.

Easy Company wrestles with the betrayal of one of their own in ***Men of War #4*** by *Ivan Brandon & Tom Derenick.*

An alien S.O.S. draws Mister Terrific into the ninth dimension, where he is taken prisoner by the villainous Kryl in ***Mister Terrific #4*** by *Eric Wallace & Gianluca Gugliotta.*

When a case from Gotham City brings Barbara Gordon to Florida, Nightwing and Batgirl must work together to bring a thief to justice in ***Nightwing #4*** by *Kyle Higgins & Trevor McCarthy.*

Kevin Kho inadvertently disconnects from Brother Eye in ***OMAC #4*** by *Dan DiDio, Keith Giffen, & Scott Koblish...* Unfortunately, Kevin's freedom comes with a price, because now he's alone and forced to defend himself against Checkmate.

Lucien Gates's life is changed forever when he is struck by a mysterious beam of energy that turns him into a glowing gladiator in ***The Ray #1*** by *Justin Gray, Jimmy Palmiotti, Jamal Igle, & Rich Perrotta.*

A mystery man named Crux wants to rid Earth of every alien on the planet—begining with Starfire. See if he succeeds in ***Red Hood and the Outlaws #4*** by *Scott Lobdell & Kenneth Rocafort.*

Peter Milligan, Ed Benes, Diego Bernard, & Rob Hunter present tragic tales of beginning, Zillius Zox and Ratchet in ***Red Lanterns #4.***

Who is the Transhuman? And why is he risking his life for the Resurrection Man? *Dan Abnett, Andy Lanning, & Fernando Dagnino* answer those questions in ***Resurrection Man #4.***

Hawkman must combat the monstrosity known as Morphicius as well as a Black Plague of alien organisms in ***The Savage Hawkman #4*** by *Tony S. Daniel & Philip Tan.*

Static is hot on Piranha's trail, but will he be able to stop Piranha from building his metahuman army? Find out in ***Static Shock #4*** by *John Rozum, Scott McDaniel, & Andy Owens.*

As the unstoppable alien antibody continues consuming everything in its path, Stormwatch awakens a something buried deep within the earth in *Paul Cornell & Miguel Sepulveda's* ***Stormwatch #4.*** But has the team found an ally or a threat greater than the antibody?

Another Squad member falls in ***Suicide Squad #4*** by *Adam Glass & Fernando Dallacchio* – but not the way you might expect!

Alone in New York and surrounded by holiday cheer, Superboy struggles to keep his emotions and his powers in check in *Scott Lobdell, R.B. Silva, & Rob Lean's* ***Superboy #4...*** and he's on a crash course with a dangerous pair of murderous young metahumans who are more like him than he might want to admit!

Trapped and powerless aboard a space station, Supergirl is at the mercy of an ingenious new foe who wants to learn everything there is to know about her in *Michael Green, Mike Johnson, & Mahmud Asrar's* ***Supergirl #4.*** But Supergirl is more than just her powers, and she'll soon show this foe – and all of Earth – what's she truly capable of!

Discover the origin of the new foes who have been making The Man of Steel's life so painful and chaotic lately in *George Pérez & Jesus Merino's* ***Superman #4.***

The war between The Green and The Other has begun in ***Swamp Thing #4*** by *Scott Snyder & Victor Ibanez,* and the knights of decay walk the Earth unchecked – but without Alec Holland, the Green has no champion strong enough to fight back!

In *Scott Lobdell, Brett Booth, & Norm Rapmund's* ***Teen Titans #4,*** Wonder Girl comes to New York City to find Red Robin and fill him in on what she's learned about N.O.W.H.E.R.E., but it turns out she's going to have to go through the mysterious Superboy first!

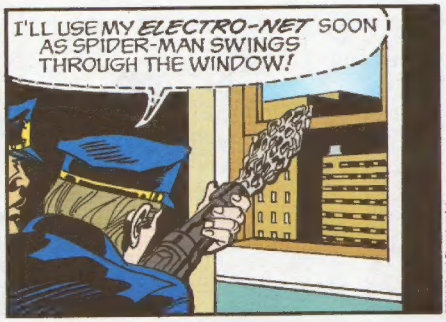
In ***T.H.U.N.D.E.R. Agents #2,*** *Nick Spencer & Jerry Ordway* introduce readers to the man who built the devices that power T.H.U.N.D.E.R.'s Agents – and more about the mysterious super-computer known as Daniel.

If Special Agent Fallon wasn't enough of a challenge for Voodoo, a new player enters the hunt in ***Voodoo #4*** by *Ron Marz & Sami Basri.*

Wonder Woman has left Paradise Island behind in *Brian Azzarello & Cliff Chiang's* ***Wonder Woman #4.*** Without the Amazons' most powerful daughter to protect them, can they withstand the wrath of a God who once favored them?

DC collected editions (scheduled for December, January, February, and March release) include:

- ***Absolute Batman: Dark Victory HC,*** a deluxe oversized slipcased edition of the fourteen-part series by *Jeph Loeb & Tim Sale.*
- ***Batman Beyond: Industrial Revolution TP,*** collecting ***Batman Beyond #s 1-8.***
- ***Batman: The Return of Bruce Wayne TP,*** collecting the six-issue miniseries.
- ***Catwoman Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Catwoman: Selina's Big Score*** plus stories from ***Detective Comics #s 759-762*** and ***Catwoman #s 1-9*** by *Ed Brubaker, Darwyn Cooke,* and others.
- ***DC Comics Presents the Legion of Super-Heroes #2,*** collecting pages from ***Adventure #s 0-4*** and more.
- ***DC Comics Presents Batman: Blaze of Glory #1,*** collecting ***Legends of the Dark Knight #s 197-199 & 212.***
- ***DC Comics Presents Batman: The Secret City #1,*** collecting ***Legends of the Dark Knight #s 180-181 & 190-191.***
- ***DC Comics Presents Batman: Urban Legend #1,*** collecting ***Legends of the Dark Knight #s 168 & 177-180.***
- ***DC Comics Presents Captain Atom #1,*** collecting the co-feature from ***Action #s 879-889.***
- ***DC Comics Presents The Kents #2,*** collecting *John Ostrander & Timothy Truman's* ***Kents #s 5-8.***
- ***The DC Universe by Alan Moore HC,*** collecting all of *Alan Moore's* DCU stories, including ***Action Comics #582, Batman Annual #11, Batman: The Killing Joke, DC Comics Presents #85, Detective #s 549 & 550, Green Lantern #188, Omega Men #s 26 & 27, Secret Origins #10, Superman #423, Tales of the Green Lantern Crops Annual #s 2 & 3, Superman Annual #11, Vigilante #s 17 & 18,*** plus ***Voodoo #s 1-4, Deathblow: By Blows #s 1-3,*** and more.
- ***The Flash: The Dastardly Death of the Rogues TP,*** collecting ***The Flash #s 1-6*** and ***Flash Secret Files 2010.***



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•***DC Universe: Secret Origins HC,*** collecting ***Secret Origins #1, More Secret Origins #1, Even More Secret Origins #1,*** and ***Weird Secret Origins #1.***

•***Resurrection Man Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Resurrection Man #s 1-14.***

•***Secret Six: The Darkest House TP,*** collecting ***Secret Six #s 30-36*** and ***Doom Patrol #19.***

•***Seven Soldiers of Victory Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Seven Soldiers of Victory #0, The Guardian #s 1-4, Klarion #s 1-3, Zatanna #s 1-3,*** and ***The Shining Knight #s 1-3.***

•***Showcase Presents The Spectre TP,*** collecting ***Showcase #s 60, 61, & 74; The Brave & the Bold #s 72, 75, 116, 180, & 199; The Spectre (1968) #s 1-10; Adventure Comics #s 431-440; DC Comics Presents #29;*** and ***Ghosts #s 97-99.***

•***Stormwatch Volume 1 HC,*** collecting ***Stormwatch #s 37-47.***

•***Superman: The Reign of Doomsday HC,*** collecting ***Action Comics #s 900-904.***

•***Superman: War of the Supermen TP,*** collecting ***War of the Supermen #s 0-4*** and a page from ***Superman #700.***

•***T.H.U.N.D.E.R. Agents Chronicles Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***T.H.U.N.D.E.R. Agents #1*** by *Larry Ivie, Wally Wood, Gil Kane,* and others.

•***Young Justice Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Young Justice #s 0-6.***

AMERICAN VAMPIRE 22

Coming Comics—Vertigo in December

Scott Snyder & Rafael Albuquerque venture into the 1950s in ***American Vampire #22.*** Who is Travis Kidd? What do the mysterious Vassals want with him? And what does it all have to do with Skinner Sweet? Find out in "Death Race" part 1!

Brian Wood & Riccardo Burchielli bring ***DMZ*** to a dramatic conclusion in its 72nd issue. In a city that once seemed to be in a permanent state of war and despair, peace has reigned for a decade. What has become of the city that Matty Roth, Zee and so many others fought to preserve?

Bill Willingham, Mark Buckingham, & Steve Leialoha mark the Christmas season with ***Fables #112,*** a special extra-length holiday issue that offers a glimpse into the future fates of Rose Red.

A dying woman's desperate need to see her long lost son sends John Constantine on a mission in ***Hellblazer Annual #1*** by *Peter Milligan & Simon Bisley.* It's a story full of strange places and desperate lives that leads Constantine to unearth his own connection to the mysterious disappearance of a boyhood friend.

Tom's battle against the cabal continues in ***The Unwritten #32*** by *Mike Carey, Peter Gross, & M.K. Perker,* with Glitterspar as the ultimate sanction. But Tom discovers that letting storybook magic into your world is playing with fire – and ice. Then Carey, Gross, and *Dean Ormston* take readers back to ancient Mesopotamia for a tale of Gilgamesh in ***The Unwritten #32.5.***

Vertigo collected editions (solicited for December, January, & February release) include:

•***American Vampire Volume 3 HC,*** collecting ***American Vampire #s 12-18*** and the five-part ***American Vampire: Survival of the Fittest.***

•***Fables Deluxe Edition Volume 4 HC,*** collecting ***Fables #s 28-33*** and the graphic novel ***Fables: 1001 Nights of Snowfall.***

•***Flex Mentallo: Man of Muscle Mystery Deluxe Edition HC,*** collecting the hard-to-find four-part ***Doom Patrol*** spinoff series by *Grant Morrison & Frank Quitely,* complete with a sketch section and fully recolored art.

•***Noche Roja TP,*** a softcover edition of the noir graphic novel by *Simon Oliver & Jason LaTour.*

•***Sweet Tooth Volume 4: Endangered species TP,*** collecting ***Sweet Tooth #s 18-25.***

•***The Unwritten Volume 5: On to Genesis TP,*** collecting ***Unwritten #s 24-30.***

•***Vertigo: First Blood #1,*** collecting ***American Vampire #1, iZombie #1, The Unwritten #1,*** and ***Sweet Tooth #1*** in a bargain-priced edition.

•***Vertigo Resurrected: Sgt. Rock—Between Hell and a Hard Place #2,*** featuring the second half othe graphic novel by *Brian Azzarello & Joe Kubert.*

Coming from DC Direct

DC Direct takes collectors into the world of ***Batman: Arkham City*** with the ***Arkham City Series 1 Action Figures,*** featuring ***Batman, Tim Drake as Robin,*** and ***Harley Quinn.*** (Dec 2011)

The Superman Patina Mini-Statue, designed by *Jim Lee* and sculpted by *Tim Bruckner,* depicts the Man of Steel is presented in a faux-bronze finish. (May 2012)

Sam Kieth's art is the inspiration for the ***Batman Black and White by Sam Kieth Statue,*** sculpted by *Jonathan Matthews.* (May 2012)

Mad takes on DC's flagship superteam, and the result is the ***Just-Us-League of Stupid Heroes Series 1 Action Figures,*** which includes Alfred E. Neuman as ***Superman, Green Arrow,*** and ***Aquaman.*** (May 2012)

The enraged Atrocitus ventures into the third dimension with the release of the ***Green Lantern: The Animated Series Atrocitus Maquette,*** designed by *Dave Cortez.* (May 2012)

Coming Comics—Marvel in December

Wolverine makes a special appearance in ***Alpha Flight #7*** by *Greg Pak & Fred Van Lente* as the battle for Canada continues.

Giuseppe Camuncoli joins the regular Spidey artist rotation in ***Amazing Spider-Man #675,*** which feature the return of the Vulture.

How has Cable been reborn? Where has he been since "Second Coming"? And what dark event has driven him to destroy the Avengers? The answers are found in ***Avengers: X-Sanction,*** a four-issue series by *Jeph Loeb & Ed McGuinness.*

The original Human Torch guest-stars as Captain America teams up with Bucky in the present day… for the first time?... in ***Captain America & Bucky #625*** by *Ed Brubaker, James Asmus, & Francesco Francavilla.*

Acclaimed artist *Alan Davis* joins writer *Ed Brubaker* beginning with ***Captain America #6,*** just in time to depict Hydra's rise from the ashes.

Carnage's maniacal reign of terror continues in ***Carnage USA #1*** by *Zeb Wells & Clayton Crain.* Spider-Man and the Avengers must go on a brutal hunt to capture Cletus Kasaday before a small town in the American heartland falls under his mass-murdering spell!

Roland's pursuit of the elusive Man in Black across the endless Mohaine desert becomes even more treacherous when he is attacked by a ravenous pack of desert dogs and vampiric dust devils in ***Dark Tower: The Gunslinger—The Way Station #1*** by *Robin Furth, Peter David, & Laurence Campbell.*

How do Deadpool and Bob, the two most wanted terrorists in the world, spend their holiday break? By faking their own deaths, breaking into CIA headquarters, hunting down internet-porn-peddling jihadists and causing a riot in an insane asylum—as you'll witness when you open ***Deadpool MAX X-Mas Special #1*** by *David Lapham & Kyle Baker.*

Defenders #1 brings together Marvel's most unlikely team members, including the Hulk, Dr. Strange, and the Silver Surfer, in an adventure that spins out of the end of ***Fear Itself,*** courtesy of *Matt Fraction & Terry Dodson.*

Can't tell your Defenders without a program? Then ***Defenders: Strange Heroes*** is the book for you; it offers a guide to team members past and present, complete with character artwork by *Gus Vasquez.*

The Thing, the FF, Namor, and the Thunderbolts make a guest appearance in ***Fear Itself: The Fearless #s 4 & 5*** by *Cullen Bunn, Matt Fraction, Christopher Yost, Mark Bagley, & Paul Pelletier.*

Orson Scott Card, Aaron Johnston, & Giancarlo Caracuzzo continue the prequel to ***Ender's Game*** in the pages of ***Formic War: Silent Strike,*** a five-issue limited series.

"Hulk of Arabia" reaches its conclusion in ***Hulk #46*** by *Jeff Parker & Patrick Zircher.* Red Hulk and Machine Man face off against Dagan Shah, the mysterious new powerhouse whose mythical kingdom of Sharzhad has become a destabilizing new force to be reckoned with!

The Mandarin takes advantage of Tony Stark's setbacks to launch an attack in ***Invincible Iron Man #511*** by *Matt Fraction & Salvador Larroca.*

SPIDER-MAN, I'M ARRESTING YOU FOR--HUH?
SORRY. I JUST DROPPED BY TO ENTERTAIN THE KIDS.
MY ELECTRONIC NET'LL GET 'IM!
STAN LEE LARRY LIEBER 9-30

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Marvel features a quartet of holiday-themed tales in ***Marvel Holiday Special 2011,*** a 40-page oneshot.

In *Matt Fraction &Pasqual Ferry's* ***Mighty Thor #9,*** Loki tries to expose the imposter thunder god Tanarus by enlisting the help of… Doctor Donald Blake?

The New Avengers take on the Dark Avengers in ***New Avengers #19*** by *Brian Bendis & Mike Deodato.* And wait until you find out who is behind the masks!

SECRET AVENGERS 20

The Secret Avengers are all dead save for the Black Widow. In ***Secret Avengers #20*** by *Warren Ellis & Alex Maleev,* the world's greatest secret agent finds herself one year in the past, on the most secret mission of all: saving her team, and saving the world, without letting anyone see her... especially her team.

The Thunder God travels to Olympia, home of the Eternals, to enlist their aid in finding the Deviant goddess Ereshkigal before she destroys the very fabric of reality in ***Thor: The Deviants Saga #2*** by *Rob Rodi & Stephen Segovia.*

Hot on the trail of Jack the Ripper, the Thunderbolts have to battle their own teammates in ***Thunderbolts #167*** by *Jeff Parker & Declan Shalvey.*

A mysterious figure from Peter Parker's past returns—but what's his connection to Miles Morales? Find out in *Brian Bendis & Sara Pichelli's* ***Ultimate Comics Spider-Man #s 5 & 6.***

Is there a traitor amidst the new X-Men? That's what the X-Men are trying to find out in ***Ultimate Comics X-Men #s 4 & 5*** by *Nick Spencer & Paco Medina.*

Mr. Sinister's tampering with the Golden Celestial has summoned the immortal Space Gods to earth, to render judgment upon all mankind. If the X-Men we're looking for a chance to prove that they are earth's mightiest heroes, they're about to find it in ***Uncanny X-Men #3*** by *Kieron Gillen & Carlos Pacheco.*

The death of a loved one reminds Flash Thompson that his secret identity is in the hands of the villainous Crime-Master – and the only way to take his life back is to go rogue... unless Captain America shuts him down first! *Rick Remender & Lan Medina* take the series in a new direction in ***Venom #10.*** Then Venom comes face to face with Jack-o-Lantern in ***Venom #11...*** but are these archenemies about to become partners?!

Why has Misty Knight hired psychopaths like Tiger Shark and Speed Demon? Because the Purple Man is out to build a criminal empire with an army including Avalanche, Shocker and the all-new Scourge! So now it's time for ***Villains for Hire,*** courtesy of *Dan Abnett, Andy Lanning, & Renato Arlem.*

War is brewing between the ninja assassins of the Hand and the gun-toting gangsters of the Yakuza, and it leads Wolverine to come face to face with Wilson Fisk, the infamous Kingpin of crime, in ***Wolverine #20*** by *jason Aaron & Renato Guedes.*

With the Hellfire Club on the verge of overwhelming the X-Men, the team's only hope is…is... Quenton Quire?! The big question is, does he care enough to do anything? Wolverine and his team are about to find out in ***Wolverine and the X-Men #3*** by *Jason Aaron & Chris Bachalo.*

Marvel offers a look at the history of some of its most brutal heroes in ***Wolverine, Punisher, & Ghost Rider: Official Index to the Marvel Universe #5.***

In the wake of ***Schism,*** the X-Men's Science Team takes it upon themselves to make a gesture of goodwill on behalf of mutantkind and better the world. But just as construction of the X-Club's state of the art space elevator nears completion, chaos erupts! And it appears to the world that mutants are to blame. Can Dr. Nemesis, Madison Jeffries, Kavita Rao and Danger clear the X-Men's name before their experiment backfires? Find out in ***X-Club #1*** by *Simon Spurrier & Paul Davidson.*

Still reeling from the shocking death of one of their own, how can the X-Factor team possibly take down the one responsible—the deadly Bloodbath?, in ***X-Factor #228*** by *Peter David & Leonard Kirk.*

Mike Carey brings his five-year run to an end with ***X-Men Legacy #260.*** In the aftermath of ***Schism,*** the X-Men are divided. Magneto has chosen to stay with Cyclops on Utopia. Gambit has chosen to follow Wolverine to Westchester. And now Rogue must decide who she is going to follow…

Marvel collected editions include:

- ***Avengers Academy Volume 2: Will We Use This In the Real World? TP,*** collecting ***Avengers Academy #s 7-13.***
- ***Avengers by Brian Michael Bendis: Heroic Age HC,*** collecting ***Avengers #s 1-6, Avengers Prime #s 1-5,*** and ***New Avengers #s 1-6.***
- ***Avengers: West Coast Avengers—Lost in Space-Time HC,*** collecting ***West Coast Avengers #s 17-24*** and more.
- ***Captain America & Bucky: The Life Story of Bucky Barnes Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Captain America & Bucky #s 620-624.***
- ***Deadpool MAX: NutJob TP,*** collecting ***Deadpool MAX #s 1-6.***
- ***Defenders: The Coming of the Defenders #1,*** an 88-page collection of ***Marvel Feature #s 1-3.***
- ***Emma Premiere HC,*** collecting the adaptation of *Jane Austen's* novel.
- ***Essential Rawhide Kid Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Rawhide Kid #s 17-35.***
- ***Fantastic Four by Waid & Wieringo Ultimate Collection Book 4 TP,*** collecting ***Fantastic Four #s 514-524.***
- ***Fear Itself Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Book of the Skull*** and ***Fear Itself #s 1-7.***
- ***Generation Hope: Schism TP,*** collecting ***Generation Hope #s 6-12.***
- ***Hulk by John Byrne & Ron Garney TP,*** collecting ***Hulk #s 1-11 & Annual 1999.***
- ***Incredible Hulks: World War Hulks HC,*** collecting 448 pages of Hulks mayhem.
- ***Jubilee by Robert Kirkman TP,*** collecting ***Jubilee #s 1-6.***
- ***Marvel Masterworks: Golden Age Marvel Comics Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Marvel Comics #s 1 & Marvel Mystery #s 2-4..***
- ***Marvel Masterworks: Golden Age Young Allies Volume 2 HC,*** collecting ***Young Allies #s 5-8.***
- ***Marvel Masterworks: The Mighty Thor Volume 11 HC,*** collecting ***Thor #s 195-205.***
- ***Moon Knight by Brian Bendis & Alex Maleev Volume 1 Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Moon Knight #s 1-6.***
- ***Mystery Men Premiere HC,*** collecting the five-part limited series.
- ***New X-Men by Grant Morrison Book 8 GN,*** collecting ***New X-Men #s 151-154.***
- ***Oz: Ozma of Oz HC,*** collecting the eight-part adaptation.
- ***Powers Volume 4: Supergroup Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Powers #s 15-20.***
- ***Secret Avengers Volume 2: Eyes of the Dragon TP,*** collecting ***Secret Avengers #s 6-12.***
- ***Secret Wars TP,*** collecting the 12-part event series.

- ***Secret Wars II TP,*** collecting ***Secret Wars II #s 1-9.***
- ***Secret Warriors Volume 5: Night TP,*** collecting ***Secret Warriors #s 20-24.***
- ***Spider-Man by Mark Millar Ultimate Collection TP,*** collecting ***Marvel Knights Spider-Man #s 1-12.***
- ***Spider-Man: Chapter One TP,*** collecting *John Byrne's* ***Chapter One #s 0-12.***
- ***Spider-Man: The PSA's TP,*** collecting 456 pages of Spidey tales that are both entertaining and educational.
- ***The Stand Volume 2: American Nightmares TP,*** collecting the five-part miniseries.
- ***Ultimate Comics Spider-Man Volume 3: Death of Spider-Man Prelude TP,*** collecting ***Ultimate Comics Spider-Man #s 15 & 150-155.***
- ***Untold Tales of Spider-Man Omnibus HC,*** collecting ***Amazing Fantasy #s 16-18, Untold Tales of Spider-Man #s 1-25 & -1, Annual 1996-1997,*** and more in a hefty 800-page compendium of "lost" Peter Parker tales from his earliest days as Spidey.
- ***Wolverine & Jubilee: Curse of the Mutants TP,*** collecting the four-issue miniseries and more.
- ***Wolverine by Greg Rucka Ultimate Collection TP,*** collecting ***Wolverine #s 1-19.***
- ***X-Men: Age of X TP,*** collecting the Age of X saga in a 256-page compendium.
- ***X-Men: Days of Future Past TP,*** collecting *Chris Claremont & John Byrne's* ***Uncanny X-Men #s 138-143 & Annual #4.***
- ***X-Men: Schism HC,*** collecting the five-part limited series, ***Generation Hope #s 10-11,*** and ***X-Men: Regenesis.***

I CAN'T FIRE THE ELECTRO-NET!
SOMEHOW, THAT DOESN'T DEPRESS ME!
I'LL GET 'IM AND-- OOOPH!
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YOU GUYS PLAY TOO ROUGH FOR ME!
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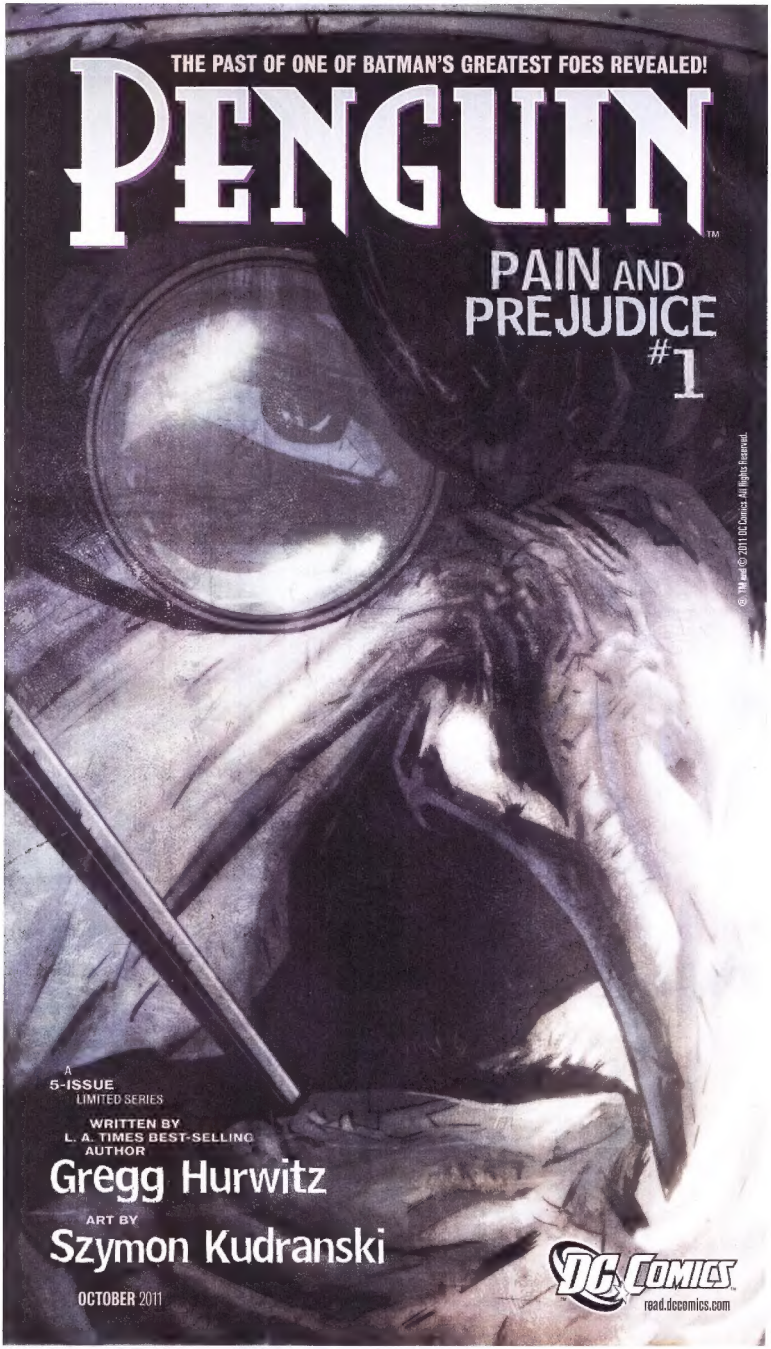

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